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YARNS ABOUT RODENTS

THE WOOD RAT IRRECLAIMABLY BAD.

The Characteristics Which Distinguish the Colorado Variety—A Natural Born and Irreprehensible Thief.

[N. Y. Star.]

"I don't know whether people out in Colorado are bothered with what we used to call wood rats," said a former resident of that State, "but a few years ago, when I first went out there, they kept us in a perpetual stew. The wood-rat is a natural-born irreclaimable thief. What he steals for no one had ever found out while I was there, for he don't crib things to eat, and he distributes his booty about the country without any regard to his personal benefit. When he steals something from one spot he will put in its place some article he has filched from another. I remember once I was building a shanty out in Pueblo, and had a keg of nails sent in from Denver. Work had been at a standstill for a day or so for want of them. I knocked the head out, and left them in the shanty over night. Next morning there wasn't a nail in the keg, but in their place was a miscellaneous collection of articles, consisting of table knives, spoons, a tin saucer, several stones, a number of chips, a buckskin glove, and, worst of all, a set of false teeth.

"We knew at once that the mischievous rats had been at work, and I set out to see if I could gather up at least a portion of my nails about the neighborhood. I found a man who had lost a spoon and had found a pile of nails in this kit. The owner of the buckskin glove had not been remunerated for his loss with nails, but some one's woolen sock lay in its place. By and by the whole community were out looking up missing things and dumping nails at my shanty. I got back about half of them, and the articles that had been left in their place were all restored to their owners except the false teeth. No one in the whole neighborhood had lost any teeth. The finding of the teeth came to be the talk of the country, and in a few weeks a Judge over in a town twenty miles away sent a man over to look at them, as he thought they might be a set of teeth of his that had mysteriously disappeared, stating that they had been taken from a tumbler of water, in which they had been placed over night, and that a dead bird had been left in their stead. The teeth proved to be the Judge's. These rats must have had a high old time with the Judge's teeth before they reached my place and dumped them in the nail keg.

"It used to be a favorite pastime with the wood rats to carry all sorts of refuse and garbage into houses and scatter it about. I have waked up more than once to find some moist and sweet-smelling morsel from the swill tub lying across my face, or a number of them piled on the bed covers. This peculiarity of the wood rat naturally led to constant annoyances and misunderstandings, and newcomers into the region, unacquainted with the ways of the animal, were frequently mystified, and sometimes frightened by occurrences. An Irish family once came to the neighborhood, where they had purchased a little property. They had not been there a week before the wood rats paid them a visit. Denny Ryan, the head of the family, placed his pipe on the table as usual on going to bed one night. When he arose in the morning his pipe was gone, and lying where he had left it was a tallow candle. Denny had no such a thing as a tallow candle in his house, and no one in the house had touched the pipe. This aroused his superstitious nature. He related the circumstances with much awe to some acquaintances, who, seeing some probable fun in store for them, did not inform him as to the cause of the mystery. One morning, a few days later, Denny found his lost pipe in his boot, and the sock he had left there when he went to bed was gone. Denny declared that there were ghosts in his house. He was thoroughly frightened, and wanted to sell his property.

"A number of Eastern men had got possession of some land next to Denny's, and his holding, they believed, would in time be highly valuable to them. Unknown to any of Denny's acquaintances, they made him an offer for his property. It was less than he had paid, and in spite of his superstitious fear about his house, he declined to take it. A day or two after that Denny found his stove half full of potatoes, not one of which had been in the house before, and the kindling wood he had placed in the stove the night before was piled on a table in the sitting-room. Without waiting to entirely dress himself he hurried to the parties who wanted to buy his property and closed and clinched the transaction at once. When his friends, who had been keeping Denny in ignorance of the ways of the wood rat for the joke of the thing, heard of what he had been induced to do by the sharpers, they attempted to force them to cancel the sale; but as everything they had done was regular, they refused to do it. Denny's friends, however, chipped in and made up quite a sum of money for him. If the wood rats hadn't bothered Denny he would have been a rich man in a year or so, for his property became worth thousands of dollars.

"The wood rat is about the size of our common house rat, with a tail nine inches long. It is gray on the back and white on the belly. There's devilitry enough in 'em to fill a woodchuck. You seldom see one of them, plenty as they are, for they lay low in the daytime, and won't come fooling around at night if there is any one stirring about the house."

Concerning Nutmegs.

[Detroit Post.]

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....	7.15 "	144	.. Lytton ..	5.25 "	5.25 "
....	8.00 "	150	.. Goldwin ..	5.00 "	5.00 "
....	8.30 "	161	.. Thompson ..	4.40 "	4.35 "
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6.00	day		East Portland	7.40	day	
9.27	"	66	Ar. Hood River Lv	4.12	"	
10.50	"	"	Ar. Dalles Lv	2.50	"	
11.00	"	88	Lv. Dalles Ar	2.40	"	
2.55 AM	"	180	Lv. Umatilla Lv	10.05 PM	"	
3.20	"	205	Ar. Wallula Junction Lv	9.35	"	
4.40	"	206	Lv. Wallula Junction Ar	8.50	"	
6.55	"	214	Pasco Junction	6.25	"	
9.00 AM	"	245	Ar. Ayer Lv	2.15	"	
11.31	"	283	Connell	1.50	"	
12.15 PM	"		Spokane Falls	1.04	"	
1.30	3d		Ar. Bedroom Lv	11.00 AM	"	
1.50 AM	"		Hassela	1.10	"	
3.25	"	333	Garrison	9.10 PM	"	
8.00	"	375	Ar. Helena Lv	6.15	"	
8.50	"	403	Lv. Helena Ar	5.45	"	
1.30 PM	"	533	Bozeman	1.35	"	
4.40	"	645	Billings	10.25 PM	"	
5.28	"	726	Bismarck	11.25	"	3d
7.25 AM	3d	1416	Fargo	3.40	"	4th
7.10	"	1626	Brainerd	8.45 PM	"	
12.20 PM	4th	1911	Ar. St. Paul Lv	4.00	"	

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Lv. Chicago via C. & G. T. Railway	3.21 P.M.	8.30 P.M.
Ar. Port Huron	1.20 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
" London	4.50 A.M.	11.20 A.M.
" Hamilton	6.50 A.M.	4.55 P.M.
" Suspension Bridge	8.05 A.M.	6.15 P.M.
" Buffalo	8.15 A.M.	7.10 P.M.
" Toronto	8.10 A.M.	7.10 P.M.
" Montreal	7.00 P.M.	7.15 A.M.
" Portland	12.35 P.M.	5.20 P.M.
" Boston via Niagara Falls	12.10 A.M.	9.35 A.M.
" Boston via Montreal	8.30 A.M.	7.05 P.M.
" New York	10.00 A.M.	7.30 P.M.

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	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.
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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
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D. M. EBERTS,
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Victoria, Dec. 18, 1884.

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VICTORIA, Sept. 22, 1884.

Schedule of Wages

For WHITE LABOR on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway.

Rock Foremen		$3 00 to $3 50	per day
Earth Foremen	2 50	3 00	"
Bridge Foremen	3 50	4 00	"
Bridge Carpenters		3 00	"
Blacksmiths, 1st class		3 50	"
Drillers	2 00	2 25	"
Laborers	1 75	2 00	"
Hewers		3 00	"
Choppers	1 75	2 00	"

All outside labour ten hours per day.

All carpenters to furnish their own chest tools

All employes find themselves bed, board and lodging.

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The Daily Times.

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Victoria, Monday, Dec. 29, 1884.

CAN B. C. PRODUCE WINE?

A writer in an eastern (Ontario) journal discusses the growing of grapes, and the manufacture of wines therefrom, and gives facts and figures which go to show not only that it will prove more highly remunerative than wheat raising but that all the climatic conditions essential to success are to be found in that Province. What is required is stated to be a season sufficiently long for the ripening of the grape, a mean temperature for the three summer months of not more than 71 degrees and not less than 64 degrees, a large amount of sunshine and not excessive humidity. These conditions obtain in south Germany, in the best wine districts of France and in California. They also obtain in almost the whole province of Ontario, especially in the western peninsula. The mean temperature for the three warmest months exceeds 68 degs., while parts of south-western Ontario exceed 70 degrees, with a larger period without frost than most of the German and French districts mentioned. In the popular opinion of wine countries, "distance lends enchantment to the view." It is only about once in three years that the Rhine vintage is not injured by early frosts, and even in the south of France frosts early in September are sometimes known, to reduce the yield of the vine. "Smoking the vineyard" is an expedient to avert frost common over much of France. In a considerable portion of Ontario the grape has never been known to suffer from frost, and in some of the elevated inland districts, even a height of 1000 feet above the level of the sea, only two failures of the most productive grape, and these partial, have been known in twenty-six years. The winter cold, it is almost superfluous to say, is rarely found to injure the best wine grapes, which are derived from the hardy, native vine, though it may be prudent in the eastern and northern counties, where snow generally falls deep, to lay down the vines for the winter. A good choice of varieties, early and late, is afforded to suit the climate of different parts of the Province, and the Concord, the most productive wine grape, ripens not only in Ontario, but at Montreal and Ottawa. The Clinton grape requires a touch of frost to perfect it, and in the Lake Ontario counties has had to hang over-ripe till the end of October, before sufficient frost has occurred to give it its proper qualities for wine-making.

Can Ontario grapes produce good wines? Yes, though much remains to be done in hybridization to obtain as rich a variety of good grapes as France possesses. Still, the progress made is encouraging. The Delaware and Isabella grapes produce a wine of rare bouquet and quality. The Catawba, forced northward from the Ohio river by the mildew-breeding heat and moisture of that district, has found in the islands and shores of Lake Erie a climate better suited to its cultivation than any other on this continent. Catawba wine is pronounced by one of the greatest authorities in Britain to be one of the best wines in the world, while the standard wine grapes, the Concord and Clinton, which are grown in almost every county in Ontario, and have been introduced into California and Europe to take the place of European vines destroyed by phylloxera, are declared by an eminent continental writer on wines to be well adapted for wine purposes. A Clinton wine from near Toronto received a medal at Paris. The Italian judges at the Centennial pronounced some of the wine from Ontario equal to any produced in Italy. Prominent members of the British Association have expressed astonishment at the excellence of Canadian wines, some of which they said would command a ready sale in Britain at $4 per gallon. The insipid and nauseously-sugared wines too often sold at many of our hotels as "native wine" are the very reverse of fair samples of our properly made wines. Experience is wanted by most of our wine-makers, but that is gradually being supplied through Frenchmen and Germans establishing vineyards in the province.

In yield of wine per acre Ontario vineyards decidedly surpass those of France. Before the advent in that country of the *phylloxera*, an insect almost innocuous on our native grapes, the average yield per acre of the 5,000,000 acres of vineyard in France was 23 hectolitres (about 460 gallons). In 1850 a maximum of 640 gallons per acre was reached, and in 1854 a minimum of only 99 gallons. Lady Verney, in the *Contemporary Review*, gives the average in recent years as 187 gallons per acre. The figures quoted, however, embrace the heavily watered second pressings. Of Concord wine, first pressing alone, the average yield around Toronto, is nearly 600 gallons per acre. At Sandwich, for ten years, it has been nearly 800 gallons, and in 1882, on a five year old vineyard, the yield of grapes was 12,600 lbs. and over 1000 gallons of wine per acre. Still heavier yields are known, but the figures cannot here be quoted. Near Montreal the average yield can fall little short of 600 gallons.

Methods and appliances are simple. A good cellar, such as is found under many a farm house, the requisite number of fermenting vats and storage casks, and a small press resembling a cider press to break the grape skins, is the wine making outfit required for a small vineyard of ten or twelve acres. Space forbids a description of the methods of making and handling wine, but they are not at all as complicated in the production of good clarets as many people imagine.

Prices of course vary with age, kind of wine and grape. Excellent Concord clarets command a ready market for all that is produced, at $1 to $1.25 per gallon. Clinton wine, which requires longer to mature, and Delaware and other choice wines, command higher prices. The cost of producing Concord claret, the staple wine of this continent, is from 12 to 20 cents a gallon. With so large a margin for profit, it is no matter for wonder that the average net earnings per acre of several vineyards should exceed $450 per annum. Growing grapes for sale, where a wine-making establishment is accessible, is much more profitable than any other farm crop. The original cost of a vineyard is not great; one man employed half the year can do the work on ten acres: risks are small, and wine makers pay 3 cents per lb. for grapes. The average yield of Concord grapes averages from four or six tons per acre. Of course some parts of the Province are better adapted than others for grape-growing, but even on the Ottawa, in favorable localities, a net profit of $150 per acre may be obtained.

It appears to us that what applies to the Province of Ontario, in this respect will, with greater force, apply to British Columbia. The climatic conditions, soil, etc., are equally favorable for the growth of the grape. Among our readers there are no doubt many competent to express an authoritative opinion on the adaptability of our province as a grape and wine producer. We would be pleased to have their views on the subject. Any lasting increase in the wealth or any substantial improvement in the condition of a country must, in general, be obtained from the development of its natural resources. And as yet no attempt worth speaking of has been made in our province, to test its adaptability in this respect.

JOURNALISTIC DIFFICULTIES

Once upon a time, there was an interruption of mail communication in Ireland, possibly caused by a snow blockade, and editors were driven to their wits' end to fill their columns with interesting news. One particular editor was nearly frantic when his foreman, for the twentieth time, demanded "more copy." "I'll murder a child in Mullinger," exclaimed the editor, and he forthwith wrote a horrifying but suppositious account of a cruel and cold-blooded homicide in the adjacent parish. But there was still an "aching void" in the columns of his paper and the foreman again appeared on the scene and again asked for "copy." With characteristic fertility of resource, he exclaimed, "We'll deny the murder story," and instantly wrote an explicit contradiction of the first article. The columns were filled, and the two articles appeared simultaneously. This incident in enterprising Irish journalism is somewhat similar to the system pursued in the transmission of news from Victoria to the Associated Press The local agent exhibits equal capacity under the most discouraging circumstances. News is manufactured and contradicted with a celerity that rather discounts the Irishman, and gives the palm to the local agent. To illustrate: On Tuesday last without any foundation in fact, severe strictures were passed on the judiciary of Alaska, the telegram being published in all the papers to the south. On the following day the agent "restored the child to life" by transmitting the following: "Your correspondent finds on inquiry that the strictures on the Alaskan judiciary and other officials, telegraphed on Tuesday, are untrue. He therefore withdraws the same immediately and asks to have the withdrawal given the same publicity as the dispatch received."

Under the present trying circumstances, there is, we are constrained to admit, some excuse for the imaginative correspondent and the inventive editor. The difficulty experienced in making readable papers is not fully appreciated by the public. If the "end ever justifies the means" it is surely now, when the telegraph wires have collapsed and a fortnight's mails are "snowed under," without any immediate prospect of a resurrection.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the "Colonist Annual for 1885." It is handsomely illustrated with views of American scenery. The letter press, with a trifling exception, is descriptive of the scenes pictured by the wood cuts. There is the appearance of originality in the preface and advertisements, which, unfortunately for home talent, are the least interesting of its contents. Some enterprise is shown in the attempt to make the sun rise on Victoria four hours earlier than the regulations governing the machinery of the universe have prescribed for its diurnal appearance above the crest of the Cascades, but we fear the "forces of nature" will prove too powerful for the "annual" in this respect. It is, however, pretty, neat and interesting, and although of exotic growth we hope it will ultimately take root and become an "annual" plant indigenous to the soil.

The People appeared on Saturday. The size is disappointing and does not indicate an intention to make it a permanent institution. The contents are confined to a discussion of municipal affairs, general politics, and social problems, in short, crisp articles. After the election it will probably expire from lack of sustenance; although should there be found that a field existed here for it, we hope it will be continued as a regular weekly publication.

We have received the *Standard* calendar for 1885. The object aimed at, we would infer, was to present to the public a specimen of the "artistic" typography produced in that office. The object, unfortunately, has been accomplished, and what reputation it still retained, has now been lost forever.

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THOS. RUSSELL,
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City Hall, Victoria, 29th Dec. 1884.

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WANTED—A girl to take care of children and one to do general housework. Apply to MRS. LEISER, de27-6t Pandora St.

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WANTED—Purchasers to save $15 to $20 on each Singer Sewing Machine. They can depend upon getting the best and most improved at de15-6t T. W. FLETCHER, Fort street.

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WANTED—All the babies in town to have their photographs taken at Hall & Lowe's. no25tf

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FROM VICTORIA FOR	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WED'SDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURD'
Nanaimo & Intermediate Pts	7 A. M.		7 A. M.		7 A. M.	
Comox			7 A. M.			

FRASER RIVER ROUTE.

FROM VICTORIA FOR	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WED'SDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURD'Y.
Ladner's Landing, New Westminster and Pt Hammond		7 A. M.			7 A. M.	
Plumper Pass					7 A. M.	
Grant's, Moody's, Pt Moody					7 A. M.	

For Alert Bay, Metlakahla, Fort Simpson and Way Ports. Steamer Otter, Capt. Meyer, will leave Spratt's wharf on Friday, January 2nd, at 5 o'clock p. m.

NOTE—Freight for Hope, Yale and Points in the Interior must be shipped via Port Hammond. Shippers are requested to mark weight on each package.

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Victoria, Monday, Dec. 29, 1884.

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FOR SEATTLE, via Port Townsend—The Eliza Anderson leaves every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 5 a. m.

FOR NANAIMO.—The Enterprise leaves Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., returning on the alternate days.

FOR NANAIMO.—The Amelia sails every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Morning at 7 o'clock.

FOR BURRARD INLET—The Steam Schooner Grace leaves Turner & Co.'s wharf every Monday evening at 5 o'clock.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER—The Yosemite leaves Tuesday and Friday at 7 a. m.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE—Steamer Idaho will leave Tacoma every Sunday at noon, Seattle at midnight, Port Townsend at 8 a. m. Monday, arrive at New Westminster noon Tuesday.

Leave New Westminster 8 a. m. Wednesday, arrive at Tacoma Thursday p. m.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER, PORT HAMMOND, CHILLIWHACK and way Ports.—The steamer Teaser leaves Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf Sundays and Wednesdays at 8 a. m.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

—The Geo. E. Starr's freight yesterday consisted of four sacks of oysters.

—A grand ball was given at the Lorne Hotel, Comox, on Christmas night.

—The steamer Enterprise is now on Cook's ways undergoing repairs.

—The thermometer marked 50 below zero in the Cariboo district on the 19th.

—The cold weather yesterday kept church goers at home to a very great extent.

—The thermometer marked 40 degrees above zero last night, the lowest reached this year.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Henly will take place from the residence at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

—U. S. Consul Stevens returned this morning from Seattle, where he has been since Friday last.

—The Court of Revision and Appeal granted several reductions on the valuations of Port Moody property.

—The Transfer Stables have an extension bob-sleigh, which is claimed by its driver to be the first one ever in Victoria.

—George Hannan, an old man in the employ of Mr. B. Wake, Valdes Island, was found dead in his chair on Friday last.

—The steamship Mexico arrived at the outer wharf about 9:40 o'clock this morning. She brought 180 tons of freight for Victoria.

—Mr. James Twaddle, for many years a tallyman at Moodyville sawmill, fell down dead last Wednesday, while attending to his duties.

—All mail for the east and eastern Washington which has been accumulating at Portland has been directed to be sent via California.

—The Yosemite went to the outer wharf this morning to take in 150 tons of freight, consisting of railway material for Mr. A. Onderdonk.

—There was considerable ice in the upper harbor this morning. It froze about half way across at a point just above the boat house, opposite the foot of Johnson street.

—O! ma, do come to the Indian Bazaar, on Johnson street, and buy me a pair of silver bracelets. The Indians make them, and they are pretty and fashionable.

—The funeral of Mrs. Jessie Angel, daughter of Mr. T. R. Turnbull, who died in Yale several days ago, took place from St. David's church, East Portland, on Christmas day.

—The steamer Geo. E. Starr arrived from the Sound yesterday, bringing the following passengers: M. L. Briel, J. W. Riel, W. A. Street, J. Arthur, Mrs. V. Bell, J. Harding, D. Kane, W. King, J. H. Wood and B. L. Hill.

—The regular weekly meeting of the Blue Ribbon Club was held on Saturday evening last. There was a fair attendance present. The gas went out at one time but after considerable trouble it was relighted.

—Considerable trouble was experienced in getting the gas to burn at the Methodist Church last evening. Shortly before the meeting commenced it was feared that the services would have to be postponed, or some coal oil lamps provided.

—Officers on the Starr, which arrived from the Sound yesterday, report that the opinion among well posted railroad men is that the blockade will not be raised for from six to eight days. The snow thawed some a few days ago and the present cold weather will freeze it solid.

—Capt. McAllep, who went to British Columbia on the Beda, to discharge the rolling stock taken over there on that steamer for the C. P. R. R. Co., returned Thursday morning, having made a quick and successful trip.—Port Townsend Argus.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Captain Oakes, of the ship John De Costa, is stopping at the Oriental.

Mr. S. Jones, superintendent of schools at Nanaimo, came down on Saturday and is at the Oriental.

Mr. H. M. Stramberg, principal of the New Westminster schools, is spending the holidays at the Oriental.

Mr. S. T. Tilley, superintendent of the Dominion fish hatchery at New Westminster, is registered at the Oriental.

A Costly Ride.

In Police Court this morning Albert Elliott was charged with having maliciously broken a sleigh which belonged to Wm. Marks. It seems the accused used the sleigh without the consent of the owner, and having broken it, refused to pay the amount of the damage. He was fined $1 and costs, and ordered to pay $8, the amount of the damage.

The Salmon Pack.

The season's pack of salmon on the Pacific Coast was as follows: British Columbia, 150,000; Columbia river, 629,000 cases; Sacramento river (spring), 70,000; do do (fall), 25,000; Rogue river (spring), 8000; do do (fall), 4000; Alaska, 65,000; Eel river, 8000; Coquille river, 7300; Smith river, 5000; Umpqua, 3700; Tillamook, 4500—total, 959,500.

Nearly an Accident.

As Mr. Dickinson, of the firm of Rowlotham & Co., was turning at the corner of Discovery and Douglas streets, his horse became frightened at some boys who were coasting on Discovery street hill and started off, upsetting the sleigh and breaking one of the runners. Mr. Dickinson and a boy who was with him in the sleigh escaped unhurt.

Ribbon & Co. is the place to buy your Blank Books for the new year.

Plush Mirrors and Frames at Waitt & Co.'s.

Elegant.

Those jewel cases, work boxes, ink stands, writing desks and new Xmas cards at J. B. Ferguson & Co.'s are pronounced elegant by connoisseurs.

The cheapest and largest stock of overcoats is at W. & J. Wilson's.

THE SNOW BLOCKADE.

Passengers Becoming Impatient and Footing it to Portland.

The blockade still continues and the arrival of the first train in Portland is yet a matter of conjecture. The Portland Standard of Saturday says: "The situation on the various railroads still remains unchanged, with but little new to relate. The eastern train is still stuck fast in the snow near Vento, with no immediate prospect of being freed, although if the weather moderates as much as it has the past twenty-four hours it may be possible to get the train back to The Dalles and hold it there until the blockade on this end is raised. Quite a number of the male passengers have left the train and walked in, not a few of them being now registered at our hotels. J. P. Leonard, who left the snow bound train last Friday, arrived in this city yesterday, and was interviewed by a representative of the Standard. He stated that two coaches, two sleepers and some baggage cars made up the train which was imprisoned near Vento, some 150 to 200 passengers being aboard when he left. He says the place where the train is standing is on the edge of a big bluff, the river being on the other side; and although you can walk in, as the snow is hard enough to admit of walking on top of it, sleighs could not be used for quite a distance, as the road is too narrow—that portion of it on the side of the bluff being also so slippery as to make even walking a very difficult matter. Mr. Leonard proceeded as far as the Cascade Locks, where he laid over until Tuesday, after which, in company with five others, he started out and made his way to Portland. Before leaving, he states that two boxes of provisions were brought from The Dalles; also, that George Gardner, of Cascade Locks, sent in over 200 pounds of eatables, which he contributed himself, some, likewise; being furnished from the Government stores at that place. This, with the means taken by the railroad company to supply the passengers, illustrates that they will not want for anything, more particularly as Mr. Leonard says that there is plenty of wood for fuel handy, which, if necessity compels, has only to be cut. According to Leonard's story, the road on this side will have to be cleared from Bonneville to Rooster Rock, between which points he says there have been heavy slides of snow, making it impossible to tell just how deep it is. He states that there are some seven engines in the neighborhood of the blockade, two of which were tied up in the snow on this side, and that both of the snow plows at the time he left, were broken. The weather at that time was also very severe, but judging from the aspect of things here, it must have since moderated."

The Seals of Puget Sound.

About the 1st of January the seals come to the northwest coast of this country following the fishes, upon which they feed. They are very fond of salmon, young halibut and herring, and are great connoisseurs in the matter of selecting the most tempting piscatorial fodder. After gorging themselves they go to sleep on top of the water, and from the time of their arrival until about the 1st of July they are hunted in certain well known sheltered fish-banks on the American side, from Cape Flattery to Gray's harbor, and on the British side from the mouth of the Straits of Fuca to Barclay Sound.

The seal catch in that locality is open to all, but with the exception of a few English schooners sent out from Victoria, the largest share of the operations are carried on by San Francisco merchants and speculators. This year's catch was very large, numbering about 30,000. There is considerable comment with regard to killing the seals there, because nearly all of them are with young. In nine cases out of ten when one seal is killed an unborn seal is found. Not more than five per cent of all the seals which go over to Puget Sound between January and July are males. The theory is that the females go there to rest, the majority of the males proceeding immediately to Behring sea. No one knows where the seals come from. Old sea captains hold the opinion that they are scattered all over the ocean like fishes, but they never have been known to go south of the equator. They come and go like swallows.

In Puget Sound the method of hunting them is as follows: The owner of the schooner gets together a few Indians from the British possessions, who take on board fifteen or sixteen "dug-outs," and sail out when the seals are sleeping on the surface of the water. The Indians lie down in the canoes and paddle up as near the seal as they dare without waking the coveted prey. Then they spear the seal. They are great experts at throwing the spear, and can hit a seal at thirty yards with unerring accuracy. It is necessary to use the spear, for if the seals are shot they sink to the bottom almost immediately. The arrangement is that the vessel shall own one-third of the catch, and buy the remaining two-thirds from the Indians. One firm in this city secured 14,000 skins in this way during the season that has just passed. Soon after the 1st of July all the seals, as if commanded by a military general, go in an immense body to Behring sea, and congregate for the most part in the bays and on the shores of St. Paul's and St. George's islands, which are controlled by the Alaska Commercial Company, of this city.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Annie Wright Female Seminary.

In another column will be found an advertisement of the Annie Wright Seminary. This institution is located at Tacoma, W. T., and is exclusively for girls. Although it was only completed and opened last fall, it has met with most gratifying success. It is located on a high bluff overlooking Puget Sound, and is perhaps, superior in many particulars, to that of any female seminary west of the Rocky mountains. There are nearly 100 young ladies in attendance, who are under the care of the most experienced teachers. The splendid location of this building makes it remarkably healthy, while at the same time all modern improvements were introduced, such as would be found in all first-class eastern seminaries. It is heated throughout by steam, and will shortly be provided with gas. The seminary is under the immediate supervision of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Paddock, and Rev. Lemuel H. Wells, pastor of St. Luke's P. E. church, of Tacoma. Parents in this province who desire to send their daughters to a seminary where they may complete their education, will find the "Annie Wright" superior to any on this coast.

The Blockade Raised.

High prices have prevented many from investing in as many Xmas presents as they would have liked. J. B. Ferguson & Co.'s is noted for elegant goods at reasonable prices.

Great Reduction

In Photo Albums, Photo Frames, and Writing Desks. Twenty per cent discount for 20 days, at HIBBEN & Co's.

Photo Albums, Scrap Albums, at Waitt & Co's.

Overcoats! Overcoats! Overcoats! at W. J. Wilson's, Government St.

ANOTHER FIRE.

A Small Frame Dwelling on Pioneer Street is Badly Damaged.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon an alarm of fire was sounded from the several engine houses. A large crowd of people quickly assembled and proceeded to the spot where a dense cloud of smoke was seen to arise, which proved to be on Pioneer street, between Blanchard and Quadra streets. The fire was located in a small frame building owned Mrs. T. W. Piere and occupied by Charles Spots. The fire companies quickly responded and did most excellent service, confining the flames to the original building, notwithstanding another small dwelling adjoined it. Very nearly all the furniture was saved, it being removed across the street. The building was considerably damaged, but is fully covered by insurance. How the fire originated is not known. Mrs. Spots states that she left the house shortly before the alarm of fire was sounded and went across the street, but that the fire in the stove was quite low. When the flames were first discovered there was no one in the house. The two houses are insured for $1,000 in the North British and Mercantile Company, represented by Messrs. Allsop & Mason. Some money which was in the house is said to have been lost. In fifteen minutes after the fire department arrived the flames were subdued.

Sunday Night's Fire.

Last night as some gentlemen were about to retire, at 11:45 o'clock in the Pritchard House, they discovered smoke in the rooms and halls. An alarm of fire was quickly given and the members of the fire brigade were soon on hand. It was found that the fire was in the three-story brick building adjoining the Pritchard House proper. The building is occupied on the first and second floors by the Belmont boot and shoe factory, and the third story is used for rooms in connection with the hotel. For a time it was difficult to locate the fire, but it was found to be in the floor of the third story and in a partition wall. Streams of water were turned on and the fire was soon under control. There were a couple of holes burnt in the floor and one in the roof, and the partition was considerably damaged. The Belmont Co. is insured with the Royal Insurance Co., represented by Robert Ward & Co. The furniture of the Pritchard House is insured in the Liverpool & London & Globe Co., represented by Messrs. Ball & Goepel, and the hotel itself in the Phœnix Co., of London, H. F. Heisterman & Co. agents.

The principal damage is to the Belmont Co.'s stock of boots and shoes. The water from the hose poured down through the house and badly damaged a large amount of boots and shoes, leather, etc. The store and workshop were closed to-day.

Mexico's Consignees.

Steamer Mexico brought freight for the following:—A Gilmore, A Offner, Albion Iron Works, A Bossi & Co, A & W Wilson, A J Rowbotham & Co, Belmont Boot & Shoe Mfg Co, C A Robinson, Capt F Worth, Clarke & Nicholson, Chas F Millard, Carne & Munsie, Cohen & Salmon, D McPhadden, D W Higgins, E B Marvin, Fell & Co, Geo Morrison, Gutman & Frank, G H Maynard, H Mansell, Harrison & McAllister, Jas Crossen, J Wise, K L C, King Tai, Kum Yuen, Kurtz & Co, Matthews, Richards & Tye, Marvin & Tilton, Neufelder & Ross, Pruce & Hunt, P McQuade & Son, R H Alexander, R Carr, R Ward & Co, R Maynard, S L Goldbog, Simon Leiser, Smith & Clark, Tai Chong, Tai Yiek, Turner, Beeton & Co, Welch, Rithet & Co, Wing On, W J McDowell, Wm Lohse, Ylem Yiek, Yer Wo, Wells, Fargo & Co, A Onderdonk.

New Westminster—J Cunningham, W. Tietjen. Nanaimo—Vancouver Coal Co. Emory—A Onderdonk. Kamloops—Wm Meegan.

T. N. Hibben & Co. are agents for Shriver's celebrated copying presses.

Might Have Been Much Worse.

A dispatch from Walla Walla dated the 26th says: "Late last evening the body of William Ginagow was found in the ruins of the new opera house, which collapsed under the weight of snow early in the evening. He had gone around before the catastrophe to get wood for the stove, when the upper story fell out, crushing and burying him. Two hours later and the building would have been crammed, and many people killed, for the roof fell flat, just where the audience would have been, in the body of the hall and the gallery. This is to-day the most thankful community in the world."

Another Good Man Gone Wrong.

San Francisco Chronicle: "Another defaulting cashier has joined the thieves' brigade in Canada. This time he comes from Chicago, and, as usual, he was implicitly trusted by his employers. He did not do so well as some Chicagoans have done before, as he stole only the modest sum of $20,000. Over the border he will scarcely be recognized by Eno, Warner and the other great defaulters, who got away with more than $1,000,000, nor will our friends, the Canadians, make him so welcome as they would one of those more accomplished rogues, whose pockets are heavier with coin."

For Pianos and Organs go to Waitt & Co's.

New Company Formed.

Rumor has it that a former and respected resident of Quesnelle, Mr. Girod, has been successful in forming a company in France, with a capital of $100,000, for the purpose of working the celebrated Sadon quartz mine situated on Mosquito Creek, Cariboo. It is to be hoped that the company will be successful in making the venture pay, which we are assured they will do, and if so it will have the effect of bringing capital into our province, to develop other valuable quartz mines, of which there are an abundance in the country.

South Cowichan.

A public meeting of South Cowichan settlers was held lately to consider the question of the granting of licences for selling intoxicating liquors in that district. After some discussion it was decided to request the Government not to grant licenses and to prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors in South Cowichan.

Vaporizing Inhalers.

Langley & Co., Druggists, are agents for Prof. Morse's vaporizing inhalers. Those who are affected with catarrh, coughs, colds, weak eyes, or any affections of the head, throat or lungs, can purchase the inhaler at their drug store.

Fine assortment of New Year calling cards at Hibben & Co's.

Worth Knowing.

At this season when every one is looking for a suitable present to a kind friend it is worth while to know the best place to buy. J. B. Ferguson & Co. have the finest assortment of albums, Xmas cards, bound books, toy books, etc., in the city and sell at reasonable figures.

Pay Your Taxes.

Notice is given that persons wishing to vote at the coming election can qualify by paying their taxes before 4 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, the 31st instant.

Drawing Caps, plush sets, at Waitt & Co's.

You can get the best value in overcoats at W. & J. Wilson's.

TELEGRAPHIC.

American Dispatches.

Heavy Rains.

STOCKTON, Dec. 26.—The late heavy rains have created a flood which is a foot higher than that of last spring. The levee is broken in a dozen places on the Moss tract west of this city. The loss will be $30,000. Part of this tract is owned by State Senators Baldwin and Langford, and John D. McDougall, and part by the heirs of the Moss estate.

Cuban Troubles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Secretary of the Treasury has received a communication from the Collector of Customs at New Orleans saying that he is informed by the Spanish Consul that one Gomez recently left the city for some point on the gulf coast with a view, it is believed, of getting out a filibustering expedition to Cuba, to be conveyed by the schooner Phœnix. The Collector says he has notified Collectors of Gulf ports, with a view to the interception of the proposed expedition. The Secretary of State has been furnished a copy of the letter.

Chinese Merchants.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The secretary of the treasury to-day sent a telegram to the collector of customs at San Francisco in reference to Chinese immigrants. The following is a copy: Section 6 of the act of 1884, applies only to Chinese merchants, former residents in the United States who may be admitted on any satisfactory proof of such facts by certificate or otherwise.

The Asylum Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The funeral of the orphan children who lost their lives by the late fire at Brooklyn asylum, took place to-day. The charred remains of twenty-one victims were placed in their coffins and taken to the church of Our Lady Victory, where they were placed in the main aisle. The edifice and altar were draped in mourning and the church was crowded. Rev. Father Mahoney celebrated solemn mass, assisted by Rev. Fathers Creighton and Brosnan. The remains were interred in the cemetery of the Holy Cross.

Dynamiters at Work.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—The infernal machine found on the Jersey Central railway track yesterday, near Westfield, consisted of a square package bound by a shawl strap, placed near the rail so as to appear to have been accidentally dropped. The track-walker found it. The package was so constructed as to explode if struck a heavy blow. It contained 58 cartridges and a lot of No. 1 giant powder. Had the package not been discovered, it would have been struck by the next train, and terrible must have been the result.

Foreign Dispatches.

A Horrible Outrage.

MADRID, Dec. 26.—Bandits entered the Catholic Church and the house of the priest at Cortelas, Galicia, for purposes of pillage. Failing to get money, they tied the priest in a headstraw and burned him to death.

Church Taxation.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Senate adopted the clause of the budget establishing the principle of taxation of religious bodies.

British Dispatches.

Bogus Jewels.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A story is now told that the emeralds which adorned the crown of the Empress Eugene were false. The crown was among the jewels at the government sale at Paris, and the bogus emeralds were purchased by an English nobleman for $40,000, and the money paid to the empress for her claim to the emeralds as personal property. The money, however, was returned when it was found that the emeralds were only imitation. Figaro asserts that the empress was aware of the deception.

England's Position.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The French ambassador has returned to London from France. He is instructed to advise Earl Granville to accede to the demand of Germany and Russia for membership in the Egyptian debt commission, and also to withdraw the proposal to reduce the interest on the debt. Failing to an agreement between France and England, all the powers except Italy will reject the English proposals.

Unsatisfactory News.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The news from Egypt is not of the most satisfactory character. It appears that Wolseley has decided to abandon the attempt to reach Shendy by the desert route, thus cutting off the great bend of the Nile. The difficulties in the way seem too great to be surmounted with the resources at his command. Instead of the desert route he will use the Merweh route to Berber, likewise through the desert, but much shorter than the other. He has accordingly changed his base from Korti to Merweh. This change places the relief of Khartoum two months further into the future than was expected. General Wolseley is far from satisfied with the arrangements for the expedition. He has sent furious complaints to the war office of the inefficiency and absolute breakdown of the transport and commissary service.

Unitarianism.

As announced in Saturday's issue, Mr. G. H. Greer, of Portland, lectured in Harmony Hall on Sunday forenoon and evening, on the subjects of "Why are skeptics spoken against" and the "Mission of Unitarianism." Fair sized audiences were present at both lectures, and frequently manifested their sympathy with the views enunciated. It was announced that at the evening electure Mr. Geo. E. Colby would speak under the inspiration of a spirit; but when the time arrived it was found that the spirits wouldn't come to the aid of the lecturer. This failure of the ghostly habitants of the other world was a great disappointment to the audience. Mr. Colby will, however, speak this evening, after Dr. Tolmie's lecture, when it is to be hoped the spirit and the lecturer will be "en rapport."

Information Received.

A telegram, dated Dec. 27, says that information further concerning the robbery of mails along the Rocky mountain division of the Canadian Pacific railroad has been received at the post office department, Ottawa, but particulars are not obtainable, as the government and railroad company think publication will tend to thwart their efforts to catch the robbers.

We keep a full supply of the following kinds of inks: Walkden's Arnold's, Thomas', Carter's, Stevens'. T. N. Hibben & Co.

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MARINE NOTES.

The steamship Barnard Castle passed up for Departure Bay last evening.

The ship Astoria arrived at San Francisco last Saturday from Departure Bay with coal.

The bark Arcturus arrived at San Francisco Saturday from Departure Bay with coal.

The British ship Argonaut arrived at Liverpool on the 22d inst., from Barrard Inlet.

The British bark Aureola entered out from Liverpool on the 19th inst., for Port Moody.

The schooner W. P. Sayward left the harbor under sail this morning for Nanaimo to bring down a cargo of coal.

A report comes from Astoria to the effect that the ship Cheesebrough, wheat laden, outward bound, went on Clatsop spit, remaining nine hours, was towed off and taken to Astoria, leaking 2½ inches per hour. She will discharge.

The ship John De Costa came down from Moodyville Saturday night and is anchored in the roads. She has a cargo consisting of 1,100,000 feet of lumber and a quantity of salmon. The ship will sail for Melbourne as soon as she procures a crew.

The San Francisco Commercial News of the 18th has the bark Estrella de Chile 210 days out from Liverpool for Victoria, and the ship Corsica 87 days out from Hongkong for this port. The News should be more careful. As a matter of fact, the former vessel arrived here about two months ago or more, and is now nearly half way on her return trip to England, with a cargo of salmon. The latter also arrived long ago.

PORT MOODY NEWS.

(Condensed from the Gazette.)

A memorial has been sent to the Governor-General, concerning the rumored removal of the terminus from Port Moody.

A handsome car, containing kitchen, dining-room and sleeping apartments, destined for use by the contractor and his suite, was attached to last Saturday's train. It was built at the Yale shops and is a very well arranged and handsome piece of railway architecture.

Orders were received on Monday morning by the various China foremen engaged in railway construction at Port Moody, to suspend work until further orders. This has been done owing to the impossibility of prosecuting the work satisfactorily during the present severe weather.

The railway contractor has caused to be cut a slip in the railway wharf for the greater convenience in handling freight from the C. P. N. Co.'s steamers. The slip is located just opposite the eastern end of the warehouse.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

A beaver is constructing a dam within the city limits of Toronto.

A company of Scotch capitalists have invested $200,000 in mining lands in White county, Ga.

According to the new French law, drunkenness in either husband or wife will hereafter be regarded as a sufficient cause for divorce.

Enough liquor was consumed in Great Britain during last year to make a lake a mile in length, a mile wide and 35 feet deep.

CLOTHING SALE.

During the present month I have decided to make a general reduction in the price of ready-made clothing, and will sell the same at 10 per cent. less than regular rates. A. GILMORE, Johnston street.

An Australian firm is actually "sending coals to Newcastle." A cargo of 3000 tons of gas coal has been sent from Sydney to Liverpool at a profit.

The Washington treaty permitting United States fishermen to take fish in the British waters terminates July 4th, 1885.

The Russell Property.

This property adjoining the Railway Syndicate's land on False Creek, is beyond question the most valuable that has yet been offered at the TERMINUS. Prices range from $150 to $400 per lot. For sale by Rand & Lipsett, Real Estate Brokers, Government street, Victoria, B. C.

Government management of railways has not proved very successful in France, and there is talk of selling the roads to companies.

Latest News of All.

Drop the terminus excitement for a few weeks to come, and attend to more important business at home. Buy the genuine articles for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS from Lange & Son, who guarantee their goods and the EFFECT produced at the presentation.

The Puyallup reservation Indians have come to the relief of the "oldest inhabitants" with the assertion that the spell of weather for the past ten days is the worst ever known in the Sound country.

A boy died of consumption recently at the Connecticut Reform School, who had been sent there at the request of his father, who charged him with the habit of stealing. It is now alleged the boy was innocent, and died of grief.

According to Manager Smith of the Northern Pacific Elevator Company at Fargo, the acreage of spring wheat in Dakota will be reduced about 20 per cent. next year. One reason is the low prices this year, but the main cause is the fact that continuous crops in the old countries have partially exhausted the soil.

ALL WOOL PLAIDS.

The fashionable all wool plaids, with plain material to match, have arrived by the last steamer, at the

ALBION HOUSE,
Brown & White, Prop's.

Letter and Copying Books at Hibben's.

Joachim IV., the newly-elected Patriarch at Constantinople, and the spiritual head of the whole Greek Church, with 100,000,000 adherents, is a man dying slowly of consumption, destitute of either literary, administrative or financial ability, whose now elevated rank is due to his personal insignificance.

We are selling the balance of our New Year cards at greatly reduced rates. T. N. Hibben & Co.

BORN.

CREECH.—In this city, on Sunday, the 28th inst., the wife of Mr. Samuel Creech, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HENLEY.—At Clover Point, Victoria District, Mary Ann Henley, a native of Great Caxwell, England, aged 53 years and 13 weeks, wife of Henry Henley, a resident of Clover Point for 24 years.

The funeral will take at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, from her late residence. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited.

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More Coal Harbor News.

Now that the terminus question is settled and active operations will begin at once, Rand & Lipsett, Real Estate Brokers, Government street, Victoria, are prepared to sell property in localities where immense profits will undoubtedly be realized. Property may be purchased by the acre, block or lot.

Cash is King.

Remember, the Mechanics Clothing Store is the only cash house in town. Full assortment of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, Blankets, Gloves, Umbrellas, Trunks, &c., cheap for cash.

Pure wines, pure liquors and cigars at Fell & Co's

Plum Puddings and Mince Meat for sale at Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

Wax Candles for Carriage Lamps, at Fell & Co.'s.

Convenient for References.

The B. C. Directory (1884-5) is at present in progress of publication by R. T. Williams, who will spare neither expense nor labor to make it complete in every respect. All subscribers' names will appear in large type. Mr. William Wolz is the authorized canvasser for the Province.

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The Daily Times.

Victoria, Monday, Dec. 29, 1884.

HE LOVED A GYPSY.

A Young Marylander Spirits Away the Belle of the Band.

[Westminster (Md.) Special.]

For the past two or three weeks a small band of gypsies has been encamped at Cranberry Station, on the Western Maryland Road, about a mile from this place. They have proved themselves to be very quiet and respectable people, and have done quite a thriving business in horse-trading and fortune-telling. Among their number was a young lady of about twenty years, named Louisa Werter, who was held in high esteem in the band because of her great beauty and grace and her unblemished character and always proper conduct. Indeed, there is no doubt that she was and is all her companions thought her. The man in the case is a rather good-looking young gentleman of about the same age as the girl, whose home is in Baltimore City, but who spends his summer in Westminster. Ever since the band arrived here he has been a frequent visitor to the camp, drawn thither by the fascination of Miss Werter's bonnie black eyes and bewitching smile. On Friday night last there was a gipsy dance at one of the hotels here, and members of the band now remember that on this particular occasion the young man paid the young lady the most marked and exclusive attention, and they say they believe the pair then made all arrangements for an elopement and marriage. Be this as it may, yesterday evening found the young gentleman at the camp. No attention was paid to this, but later at night it was discovered that Miss Werter had disappeared and that all her clothes and finery were gone with her. A vain search was made, and then the conclusion was reached that she had taken the Memphis express for Baltimore from the station near by, and that she was acting under an arrangement with the young man, who, they believed, would follow her this morning. They, however, seized upon him, as he was still about the camp, and detained him until this morning, in hopes that this course would induce the return of the girl when she found her lover could not follow her. But early this morning they became satisfied that they had no right to keep him prisoner, and so released him. They dispatched her grandfather to Baltimore by a morning train to find the girl and return her to their camp, and now are waiting anxiously for news from him. The girl's father is dead, but the mother is living and married again.

Miss Werter's step-brother, on being questioned, said the band were convinced the girl's flight was made at the instigation of her lover, because there was no other motive for it. The girl had no other lover and had never been courted so assiduously before. She received no attention from any one but him. She had no money of her own, and must have been furnished with some by him. He is well and very favorably known here as a quiet, modest and well-behaved young man. The gypsies have no doubt of his intention to marry the girl.

LAST DEVICE OF THE SMALL BOY

Cats, Sparrows, and Windows Suffer From It.

[N. Y. Tribune.]

The small boy of Harlem has found a new vent for his innate mischief, and has "caught on" to a toy which not only affords him a amusement, but with which he can destroy the maximum of property with the minimum of likelihood of detection. The instrument alluded to consists of a small gun made of wood and tin. The propulsive power is obtained by a stout rubber band inside the barrel, and which stretched back to the trigger, the principle being that on which the ordinary bean-shooter is constructed. These guns are so arranged that common buckshot may be thrown with sufficient force to kill a sparrow, and to make a cat wish she had never been born. If the small boy would content himself with using the gun on sparrows and cats there would be no legitimate cause for complaint. The windows of nearly every unoccupied house on the east side of Harlem furnish convincing proof, however, that the guns are used for other purposes than those for which they were originally intended. It is the habit of the boys to post themselves opposite a row of unoccupied houses and fire bullets at the windows. They have attained a degree of skill almost equal to that of the average militianian with a rifle, and can knock a hole two inches in diameter in the center of a pane of glass with almost unfailing uncertainty. No complaints have yet been made to the police, but the nuisance is assuming such proportions that some such action will have to be taken before long.

A small boy who had just come out of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street school stopped throwing putty from a putty-blower at a fruit-vender across the street to reply scornfully to the query of a *Tribune* reporter as to whether he knew anything about the toy guns.

"Do I know anything about guns? Well, should smile. They are bully fun, and beat bean-shooters and putty-blowers all to pieces. Why, a fellow can kill 'chippies' with 'em, an' they shoot real bullets, an' my, don't they make cats squall?"

"Do the boys break windows with them?"

"Oh, no. We don't. We wouldn't do anything like that, certainly not," and he pulled down the lid of his eye suggestively.

"Aren't you afraid of the police?"

"Oh, some of the fellows lay 'bones,' an' as soon as we hear one of the fellows holler out 'Cheese it—the cop!' we run around the corner, and he don't know anything about it."

Just then a piece of putty caught the fruit-vender on the side of the nose, and the boy deferred giving further information. The police say that they have no knowledge of the nuisance, and do not believe that it exists. They do not, however, give any explanation of the prevalence of broken windows.

He Was Not Above Suspicion.

[N. Y. Mail and Express.]

"So you would like a job, would you, little boy?" said a merchant to a small applicant.

"Yeth, thir."

"Have you any education?"

"Yeth, thir."

"Read, write and cipher?"

"Yeth, thir."

"What do you read?"

"Newthpaperth, thir; but I don't believe more'n half whatn in 'em."

"Well, I'am afraid you are too suspicious. I wouldn't like to have any suspicious little boys around."

A Little Rock man sold his cooking stove to get money enough to take his family to the circus. When one of his friends remonstrated with him he said:

"We had no use for the stove. Had nothing to cook."

"But why didn't you buy something to eat with the money you got for the stove?"

"Then we would have had nothing to cook from. Don't talk to me. I'm a philosopher."

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"No!"

"She lingered and suffered along, pining away all the time for years,"

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"And at last was cured by this Hop Bitters the papers say so much about."

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REQUISITION.

TO R. P. RITHET, ESQ.

SIR:—We, the undersigned rate-payers of Victoria, having confidence in your ability and fitness for the position, request your permission to place you in nomination as Mayor for the ensuing year, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to secure your election:

Wm C Ward	J A Grahame
Rod'k Finlayson	C E Redfern
M W T Drake	J B Matthews
Henry Short,	A McLean
W D McKillican	Wm Denny
Robt Dunsmuir	Henry Waller
Morris Moss	A H Francis
A P Briggs	D M Eberts
W G Pinder	Thos C Nuttall
A W Jones	H F Heisterman
W W Malachi	Henry E Crossdaile
Robt Ward	Wm Charles
D W Higgins	W B Smallfield
J Roland Hett	Wm Hammond
A J Smith	D R Harris
T N Hibben	John Finlayson
Thos Carrington	Joseph Hunter
C E Perry	M G Staples
G H Burns	David Dag
A K Munro	W T Drake
Chas S Jones	F S Barnard
Geo Gillespie	Thos Allsopp
J Keith Wilson	J Laddell
Henry Rhodes	A A Green
E Muschamp	D E Campbell
Jno Crowther	Jas Burns
Simon Leiser	H Bornstein
C W R Thompson	J C Bales
E C Senfelder	Dixi H Ross
L Goodacre	John Partridge
James Johns	H J Hartnell
Jas Larman	J Guttman
E Metcalfe	Jesse Brown
J D Warren	Henry Saunders
Robt Elder	W J Jeffree
Alex Munro	T Lobbe
Jas L Raymur	Sidney J Pitts
E A McQuade	Joshua Davies
Wm Heathorn	Wm Wilson
Redon & Hartnagel	C Dawson
Edwd Mallandaine	D Simpson
G Cruickshank	John Grant
J Hawkins	J C Flett
James Flett	J C Leask
Paul Strahle	O R Robbins
Chas F Todd	B Van Volkenburgh
W Shears	T H Tye
A Otper	J A T Caton
Jas Crawford	Wm Wilson
R B Thompson	Alex B Gray
F Adams	C Morton
Edgar Marvin	S D Nesbitt
M Sellick	N T Johnson
Francis Page	Jas A Fraser
John Ash	Edwd White
Jas Hutcheson	Henry Young
H Brown	M W Waitt
S F Becker	Thos Geiger
D Green	W G Lange
Lewis Lewis	H D Saunders
Wm McKeon	John Nicholles
R Lippett	Joseph Wilson
J H Todd	H L Jones
Geo W Haynes	M T Johnson
G H Lange	Geo Steitz

REPLY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS SIGNING ABOVE REQUISITION:—

GENTLEMEN:—I have to thank you for your Requisition to allow myself to be placed in nomination for Mayor at the approaching election.

The large number of names, which represent all classes of the community, has induced me to comply with the request, and in doing so, I consider it to be part of my duty to express my views briefly upon the more important questions which are likely to engage the attention of the Municipal Council during the coming year.

The most important, to my mind, is the drainage of the city; I am strongly in favor of immediate steps being taken to accomplish this, and will advocate and support the most efficient and economical scheme which may be submitted.

I am in favor of an equitable revision of the assessment roll.

I consider the electric light, as at present supplied, altogether inadequate, and will further any reform in this direction which may be considered necessary for the more efficient lighting of the city.

I will assist whatever well considered measure may be submitted, for the improvement of the water supply.

If elected, I shall always endeavor to promote the best interests of the city generally.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

R. P. RITHET.

REQUISITION.

TO MESSRS. ROBERT WARD, A. T. SMITH, W. D McKILLICAN:

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned Ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors to serve for James Bay Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

Chas E Redfern	A McLean
J H Matthews	M W T Drake
Wm C Ward	Wm Hammond
G H Burns	A K Munro
R C Jackson	D M Eberts
Chas S Jones	D R Harris
Jno Ash	Geo Gillespie
W H Bone	Geo Gillespie
T N Hibben	J K Wilson
Wm Wilson	A A Green
J Finlayson	L Allsop
J A Fraser	F B Brown
Walter Shears	M J Pitts
Frank S Barnard	Thos Carrington
R Dunsmuir	Henry Crossdaile
Jos Hunter	E Mallandaine
C E Perry	W S Pinder
J C Flett	Jas Flett
M G Staples	H Brown
A W Jones	M H Smith
Thomas Harding	J P Wells
W J Pendra	Edward B Irving
G M Irving	T L Irving
Andrew Gray	Wm Newbury
Jos Sommers	P F Johnston
Henry Young	Jas Hutcheson
H G Lewis	D W Higgins

REPLY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS SIGNING THE ABOVE REQUISITION:—

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your numerously signed requisition, asking us to accept your nomination as Councillors for James Bay Ward, we have much pleasure in acceding to it.

There will doubtless be many important matters to engage the attention of the Council, the question of drainage being one of the most prominent among them. We shall give our earnest attention and support to the consideration of a well devised system of sewerage, combined with efficiency and economy.

We consider the means at present adopted for lighting the city are most inadequate, and we shall give our attention towards an improvement in this connection.

As we are of opinion that the revenue of the city can be considerably augmented by a revision of the assessment roll, we shall advocate a readjustment of it at an early date.

The inelfic ent water supply in various parts of the city is, in our opinion, a matter which demands urgent attention.

If elected we shall support any measure brought forward tending to promote the good government of the city generally.

ROB'T. WARD,
A. J. SMITH,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

REQUISITION.

TO MESSRS. THOMAS EARLE, JOHN BRADEN AND JOHN GRANT:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors, to serve for Yates Street Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

Wm K Langton	Wm Chase
J H Turner	Robt Elder
H B Pitts	H Saunders
E A McQuade	J D Warren
Robt Ward	Jesse Brown
E Merrill	Jas L Raymur
J Guttmann	James Larman
T Libbe	Alex Munro
I J Hartnell	John J Hett
Matthew T Johnston	W J Jeffree
D R Campbell	J Fullerton
Jas Johns	F T Johnson
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John Crowther	W Heathorn
E C Senfelder	Wm Wilson
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M Gellick	H F Heisterman
S B Nesbitt	H Lange
Jas Tyre	Edgar Marvin
Jos Wilson	F Adams
A A Green	A B Gray
Jno Nicholles	A J Langley
R Lippett	A Lewis
Wm McKeon	Wm Wilson
H D Saunders	H Bornstein
Lew's Lewis	Wm Crawford
Geo Steitz	A Otper
G W A Lange	W J Goepel
D Green	T H Tye
Thos Geiger	T Baumann
T F Becker	W Shears
M W Waitt	Frank S Barnard
H Brown	Wm Anderson
H D Saunders	H Van Volkenburgh
Jas Hutcheson	C E Todd
Wm G Lange, Jr	Edward White
Wm Denny	Jas A Fraser
E Muschamp	Jas Dougherty, Jr
Frank Norris	J A T Caton
Wm Charles	J Denny

REPLY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS WHO SIGNED THE ABOVE REQUISITION:

GENTLEMEN:—A duty that all owe to the community in which they reside, induces us to comply with your request.

We will, if elected, use our endeavours to promote the best interests of the city, and also give the many important issues which will necessarily come before the Council our most earnest consideration, and assistance—notably, a system of sewerage, efficient yet economical, revision of the assessment roll so that it may be equitable, improvement of the water supply, better lighting of the city, &c., &c.

Thanking you for your expressed confidence, we are gentlemen, your respectfully

THOS. EARLE,
JOHN BRADEN,
JOHN GRANT.

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REQUISITION.

Councillors Johnson Street Ward.

TO MESSRS. B. W. PEARSE, W. McKAY, ORLANDO WARNER.

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward for the ensuing year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position. Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

R Finlayson	Wm J Stephens
A J Langley	John Work
H L Jones	C T Penwill
T H Tye	H Brown
J H Todd	Andrew Gray
J R Turner	H Harold
Thos F Wilson	Wm Wyllie
Chas W Wilson	Thos Pearson
H F Heisterman	J Marden
Henry Hodge	E C Sheppard
John Ballard	H A Cheppezzuti
J W Griffiths	Wm Denny
W Allen	And 43 others

REPLY.

VICTORIA, 29th Dec., 1884.

TO MESSRS. FINLAYSON, LANGLEY and others:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, having been asked to allow ourselves to be put in nomination as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward, beg to say that we are willing to stand as Councillors for this Ward for the coming year, and if elected we pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to promote the best interests of the city. We remain yours obediently,

B. W. PEARSE,
WILLIAM McKAY,
de22 ORLANDO WARNER.

Estate of Michel Camsusa, Deceased.

CREDITORS are requested to send their claims and Debtors to pay their accounts forthwith, to Messieurs L. E. Echand J. Coignarrique, Victoria, the Executors of the estate of the deceased.

J. ROLAND HETT,
Solicitor for the Executors.

Langley St., Victoria, December, 23, 1884.

Estate of Thomas Rabson, Deceased.

CREDITORS are requested to send their claims, and debtors to pay their accounts forthwith, to Mr. Henry Cogan, Meichosin, or to Mr. C. B. Rabson, Comox, the Exectors of the will of the deceased.

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Langley St., Victoria, December 23, 1884.

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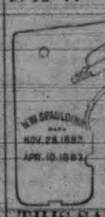

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